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December 23, 2002

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Re:

BHP Billiton Plc - File No. 82-4647

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#### Ladies and Gentlemen:

The following documents have been released to the public by BHP Billiton Plc, a public limited liability company incorporated under the laws of England and Wales, and are being furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") on behalf of BHP Billiton Plc pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b)(1)(iii) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"):

Press Release – BHP Billiton Plc –Notification of Major Interests in Shares – dated 4 December 2002.

Press Release – BHP Billiton Plc –BHP Billiton Announces Hydrocarbon Discovery with Vortex-1 Well in Deepwater Gulf of Mexico – dated 5 December 2002.

Press Release – BHP Billiton Plc – BHP Billiton Announces Appointment of Computershare Limited as Global Share Registry Provider – dated 9 December 2002.

Press Release – BHP Billiton Plc – Notification of Major Interests in Shares – dated 19 December 2002

The documents enclosed herewith are being furnished with the understanding that they will not be deemed "filed" with the Commission or otherwise subject to the liabilities of Section 18 of the Exchange Act and that the furnishing of such documents shall not constitute an admission for any purpose that BHP Billiton Plc is subject to the Exchange Act.

Very truly yours,

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## **Notification of Major Interests in Shares**

The following notification was received today by BHP Billiton PIc in a letter from Cater Allen International Limited, dated 3 December 2002, relating to major interests in shares of BHP Billiton Plc as at 3 December 2002:

"Notification of Interest in Shares pursuant to Part VI of the Companies Act 1985 (as amended)

Further to recent correspondence and in accordance with Part VI of the Companies Act 1985 (as amended), please note that I have been made aware, as of the date of this letter, that Cater Allen International Limited (CAIL) has no reportable interest in the ordinary shares of BHP Billiton."

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# **NEWS RELEASE**

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BHP BILLITON ANNOUNCES HYDROCARBON DISCOVERY WITH VORTEX-1 WELL IN DEEPWATER GULF OF MEXICO

BHP Billiton today announced that it has made a natural gas discovery at the exploratory well on its Vortex prospect in the deepwater Gulf of Mexico.

Drilling on Vortex-1 began September 9, 2002, in Atwater Valley Block 261 in water depths of approximately 8,344 feet using the drillship *Deepwater Millennium*. In addition to the initial well, a sidetrack was drilled 2,900 feet west of the #1 well to a total depth of 19,330 feet. BHP Billiton holds a one-third interest and is operator of the Vortex prospect, with partners Kerr-McGee Corp. and Ocean Energy, Inc. each also holding a one-third interest.

Further information can be found on our Internet site: http://www.bhpbilliton.com

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# **NEWS RELEASE**

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9 December 2002

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### BHP BILLITON ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF COMPUTERSHARE LIMITED AS **GLOBAL SHARE REGISTRY SERVICE PROVIDER**

BHP Billiton today announced the appointment of Computershare Limited as global share registry and employee share plan services provider to BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc, effective 3 February 2003. The global contract will be coordinated from a single point of contact based in Melbourne.

Details of transition arrangements will be announced in due course. In the interim period existing contact details with current providers will remain in place.

Further information can be found on our Internet site: http://www.bhpbilliton.com

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"For the information of the local market, please find following notification of major interests in shares filed by BHP Billiton Plc with the London Stock Exchange"

## **SCHEDULE 10**

## **NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTERESTS IN SHARES**

All relevant boxes should be completed in block capital letters.

1.	Name of company			2.	Name of shareholder hav	ing a	major interest
	BHP BILLITON PLC			THE CAPITAL GROUP COMPANIES, INC		PANIES, INC	
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J.	Please state whether notification indicates that it is in respect of holding of the shareholder named in 2				Name of the registered holder(s) and, if more than one holder, the number of shares held by each of them		
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	that person's spouse or						100
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	NOTIFICATION BY TH COMPANIES, INC ON AFFILIATES				SEE ANNEXED LIST		-
5.	Number of	6.	Percentage of issued	7.	Number of	8.	Percentage of issued class
	shares/amount of stock acquired		class		shares/amount of stock disposed		
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	34,125		0.0014% (SEE NOTE 14)				
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9.	Class of security			10.	Date of transaction	11.	Date company informed
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12.	. Total holding following this notification		13.	Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification			
	159,415,353			6.46%			
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Date of notification 18 DECEMBER 2002							
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Facsimile: 020 7588 6057, 020 7334 8964/8965/8966 (PLEASE DO NOT POST)
Enquiries: Company Monitoring and Enquiries; UK Listing Authority

# Schedule of holdings in BHP Billiton Plc

# As of 16 December 2002

# **Capital Guardian Trust Company**

Registered Name	Local Shares
State Street Nominees Limited Canary Wharf 27th Floor, 1 Canada Square London E14 5AF	11,745,748
Bank of New York Nominees Bank of New York 3 Birchin Lane London EC3V 9BY	2,070,969
Chase Nominees Limited Woolgate House Coleman Street London EC2P 2HD	29,513,311
BT Globenet Nominees Ltd. 1 Appold Street Broadgate London EC2A 2HE	700,985
Midland Bank plc 5 Laurence Poutney Hill EC4R 0E, United Kingdom	13,814,872
Bankers Trust 59 1/2 Southmark Street 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor London SE1 0HH	2,904,087
Barclays Bank Barclays Global Securities Services 8 Angel Court London EC2R 7HT	1,998,572
Citibank London 11 Old Jewry London EC2R 8D8	1,022,102

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As of 16 December 2002			
BHP Billiton Plc	Number of	Percent of	
	<u>Shares</u>	Outstanding	
The Capital Group Companies, Inc. ("CG") holdings	159,415,353	6.46%	
Holdings by CG Management Companies and Funds:			
Capital Guardian Trust Company	73,734,901.00	2.99%	
Capital International Limited	25,366,888.00	1.03%	
Capital International S.A.	19,704,459.00	0.80%	
Capital International, Inc.	11,331,586.00	0.46%	
Capital Research and Management Company	29,277,519.00	1.19%	

# Schedule A

Nortrust Nominees 155 Bishopsgate London EC2M 3XS United Kingdom	8,165,620
Royal Bank of Scotland Regents House 42 Islington High St London N1 8XL UK	55,305
MSS Nominees Limited Midland Bank plc Mariner House, Pepys London EC3N 4DA	89,394
State Street Bank & Trust Co.	106,957
HSBC Bank plc Securities Services, Mariner House Pepys Street London EC3N 4DA	39,872
ROY Nominees Limited 71N Queen Victoria Street London EC4V 4DE United Kingdom	66,196
Mellon Nominees (UK) Limited 150 Buchanan Street Glasgow G1 2DY United Kingdom	1,440,911
TOTAL	73,734,901

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Capital International Limited		
Registered Name	Local Shares	
State Street Nominees Limited Canary Wharf 27 <sup>th</sup> Floor, 1 Canada Square London E14 5AF	459,489	
Bank of New York Nominees Bank of New York 3 Birchin Lane London EC3V 9BY	6,986,136	
Northern Trust C/o NorTrust Nominees Limited 155 Bishopsgate London EC2M 3XS	177,600	
Chase Nominees Limited Woolgate House Coleman Street London EC2P 2HD	5,673,536	
Midland Bank plc 5 Laurence Poutney Hill EC4R 0E, United Kingdom	58,959	
Bankers Trust 59 1/2 Southmark Street 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor London SE1 0HH	1,329,455	
Barclays Bank Barclays Global Securities Services 8 Angel Court London EC2R 7HT	657,236	
Citibank London 11 Old Jewry London EC2R 8DB UK	531,806	

Morgan Guaranty 83 Pall Mall London SW1Y 5ES UK	176,132
Nortrust Nominees 155 Bishopsgate London EC2M 3XS United Kingdom	4,153,633
State Street Bank & Trust Co.	893,386
Lloyds Bank Central Settlement Section Branches Stock Office 34 Threadneedle Street	53,212
Citibank NA Toronto	345,694
Deutsche Bank AG 23 Great Winchester Street London EC2P 2AX United Kingdom	439,620
HSBC Bank plc Securities Services, Mariner House Pepys Street London EC3N 4DA	744,366
Mellon Bank N.A. London Branch London United Kingdom	777,039
Northern Trust AVFC South Africa	114,832

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TOTAL	25,366,888
Clydesdale Bank plc	473,815
Bank One London	882,473
Mellon Nominees (UK) Limited 150 Buchanan Street Glasgow G1 2DY United Kingdom	438,469

Capital International S.A.		
Registered Name	Local Shares	
State Street Nominees Limited Canary Wharf 27 <sup>th</sup> Floor, 1 Canada Square London E14 5AF	28,000	
Bank of New York Nominees Bank of New York 3 Birchin Lane London EC3V 9BY	648,401	
Chase Nominees Limited Woolgate House Coleman Street London EC2P 2HD	4,503,146	
Credit Suisse London Branch 24 Bishopsgate London EC2N 4BQ UK	25,755	
Midland Bank plc 5 Laurence Poutney Hill EC4R 0E, United Kingdom	427,911	
Barclays Bank Barclays Global Securities Services 8 Angel Court London EC2R 7HT	1,668,847	
Citibank London 11 Old Jewry London EC2R 8DB UK	107,324	
Brown Bros. One Mellon Bank Center Pittsburgh, PA 15258	85,446	

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Nortrust Nominees 155 Bishopsgate London EC2M 3XS United Kingdom	120,686
Morgan Stanley	132,605
Royal Bank of Scotland Regents House, 42, Islington High St London N1 8XL UK	3,969,990
MSS Nominees Limited Midland Bank plc Mariner House, Pepys London EC3N 4DA	219,900
J.P. Morgan	4,720,982
State Street Bank & Trust Co.	140,481
National Westminster Bank	397,922
Lloyds Bank Central Settlement Section Branches Stock Office 34 Threadneedle Street	34,269
Vidacos Nominees Ltd. Citibank N.A. Lewisham House, 25 Molesworth St. London SE13 7EX	222,427

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RBSTB Nominees Ltd. 67 Lombard St London EC3 3DL United Kingdom	10,385
Citibank NA Toronto	73,433
Deutsche Bank AG 23 Great Winchester Street London EC2P 2AX United Kingdom	1,502,843
HSBC Bank plc Securities Services, Mariner House Pepys Street London EC3N 4DA	663,706
TOTAL	19,704,459

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Capital International, Inc.		
Registered Name	Local Shares	
State Street Nominees Limited Canary Wharf 27th Floor, 1 Canada Square London E14 5AF	4,436,781	
Bank of New York Nominees Bank of New York 3 Birchin Lane London EC3V 9BY	698,930	
Chase Nominees Limited Woolgate House Coleman Street London EC2P 2HD	3,946,761	
Midland Bank plc 5 Laurence Poutney Hill EC4R 0E, United Kingdom	377,914	
Deutsche Bank Mannheim	160,788	
Bankers Trust 59 1/2 Southmark Street 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor London SE1 0HH	32,991	
Citibank London 11 Old Jewry London EC2R 8DB UK	153,505	
Nortrust Nominees 155 Bishopsgate London EC2M 3XS United Kingdom	277,798	

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TOTAL	11,331,586
Chase Manhattan Nominee Ltd. Australia	22,369
Deutsche Bank AG 23 Great Winchester Street London EC2P 2AX United Kingdom	35,869
Citibank NA Toronto	362,517
RBSTB Nominees Ltd. 67 Lombard Street London EC3 3DL United Kingdom	122,495
Citibank	49,647
State Street Bank & Trust Co.	319,652
Royal Bank of Scotland Regents House, 42, Islington High St London N1 8XL UK	333,569

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Capital Research and Management Company	
Registered Name	Local Shares
State Street Nominees Limited Canary Wharf 27th Floor, 1 Canada Square London E14 5AF	2,919,976
Chase Nominees Limited Woolgate House Coleman Street London EC2P 2HD	26,357,543
TOTAL	29,277,519

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